

ANNUAL REPORTS

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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsboro', in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said Amherst, on Tuesday, the eight day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the

year ensuing

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To raise such sum of money as may be necessa-

ry for repairing highways and bridges.

4. To raise such a sum of money as may be necessary for school purposes.

5. To raise such a sum of money as may be neces-

sarv for the maintenance of the Town Poor.

6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

7, To see what sum of money the town will vote

to raise and appropriate for the Public Library.

- 8. To see if the town will vote to have a new appraisal of the real estate in town.
- 9. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm.
- 10. To see if the town will vote to place names of deceased soldiers on the monument yearly,
- 11 To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this eighth day of

March, 1898.

HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, FRANK E. WILLOBY.

Selectmen of Amherst.

TOWN TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.	Dr
Insurance tax,	\$ 11 25
Savings bank tax,	1,495 30
Railroad tax,	361 84
Literary fund,	98 58
Interest on Nutt fund for schools,	170 50
County of Hillsborough,	974 81
Collected taxes of 1896,	1,244 58
" " 1897,	9,125 40
Notes,	1,262 24
Police court,	400 00
Rent of town hall.	84 00
Cemetery lots sold,	9 00
Interest on Nutt fund (E. K. Burtt),	7 00
Interest on taxes of 1896,	18 08
	11 31
C. B. Sargent, license,	· 2 00
John Grafton, use of kettles,	2 50
W. B. Byrd, error in bill,	1 00
	\$15,279 39
Advanced by treasurer,	40 75
,	\$15,320 14
	Ф19,520 14
CR. CASH PAID OUT.	
Due treasurer, as last report,	\$ 8 78
State tax,	1,795 00
County tax,	1,741 85
Schools (W. W. Sloan, treasurer),	2,864 08
School repair fund,	450 00
Highways and bridges,	1,745 34
Principal and interest,	1,191 68
Snow bills,	505 15
Library appropriation,	200 00
Memorial,	50 00
Water rents,	118 00
Street lighting,	233 00
Street lighting supplies,	91 36
County aid,	286 05
Soldiers' aid, via county,	617 74

dia		0.04	0.1
Town aid,		261	
Town officers,		892	-
Fire department,		222	
School officers,		184	
Abatement on taxes of 1896,		25	
" " " 1897,		121	
Discount on taxes,		122	90
Town hall expense,		96	38
Cemetery "		676	67
Miscellaneous,		713	07
Police court,		106	65
		\$15,320	14
RECAPITULATIO	ON.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Whole amount paid out on orders,		\$15,320	14
Whole amount received by treasurer,		15,279	
Trinoid amount received by disasticity			
Advanced by treasurer,		\$40	75
Notes outstanding against town,		7,286	73
		\$7,327	18
In hands of collector, 1896,	\$161 52	φι,ουι	10
	"		
1001,	1,647 32 72 75		
Due from county,	12 19	\$1,881	50
Balance against town,		\$5,445	89
DOG ACCOUNT	r.	DR	
Balance in hands of treasurer Feb 15, 18	897,	\$157	00
Licenses issued,	Í	134	40
			40
Cr.		மி 291	40
Treasurer board of education,	\$157 00		
R. S. Boutelle, dog killer,	1 00		
in a coulde, and inner,		158	00
Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 15, 18 Respectfully submitted F. C.		\$133 Treasurer	
1.0			

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON,
C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR.

Amount of taxes assessed 1897,		\$10,772 72
Taxes collected,	\$8,881 30	
Abatement,	121 20	
Discount on taxes,	122 90	
In hands of collector,	164732	
Interest,	\$11 31	\$10,772 72
Amount due on taxes Feb. 15, 1897,		\$1,406 10
Taxes collected,	\$1,219 11	
Abatement,	25 47	
In hands of collector,	161 52	
Interest,	\$18 08	\$1,406 10
FRED BOUTEI	LLE, Collector	of Taxes.
	J. E. UPTO	ON,
	C. D. WIL	· /

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Dodge:		
May,	\$254 25	
June,	293 - 63	
July,	328 88	
August,	113 67	
September,	$225 \ 30$	
October,	296 47	
November,	$154 \ 33$	
December,	3 40	
January,	52 22	
February,	23 19	#4 B15 01
		\$1,745 34
SNOW BILLS.		
March,	13 18	
May,	2 85	
June,	6 12	
July,	26 00	
November,	1 75	
February,	455 25	#=0= 1E
		\$505 15
TOWN HALL		,
A. C. Decatur, janitor,	\$70 35	
" " supplies,	12 53	
W. D. Clark, "	1 60	
C. D. Wilson, "	9 00	
O. H. Lowd, cleaning clock,	1 00	
F. C. Taylor, repairs and supplies,	1 90	\$96 38
STREET LIGHTS AND	SUPPLIES.	# 0 0 0
	\$233 00	
George W. Osgood, lighting lamps, Supplies,	91 36	
supplies,		\$324 36

WATER BILLS.

WAILER BILLS.	
Miss Abby B. Melendy, \$30	+ 00
Mrs. E. W. Nichols, 27	00
H. H. Belden, old bill,	00
H. H. Belden,	. 00
	00
Mrs. Julia A. Hill,	00
Mrs. Julia A. Hill, old bill, 3	00
J. P. Trow,	00
A. M. Philbrick, 3	00
H. T Harvell,	00
W. S Peaslee,	00
J. F. Hanson,	00
F. Hartshorn, 3	00
H. Boutelle,	00
G. P. Bennett,	00
D. H. Rhoades, 3	00 .
·	\$118 00
SCHOOLS.	
Appropriation, \$2,595	. 0 <u>0</u>
	00
A C	00
9,	00
7. 5. MOGOWII,	00
W. W. Sloan,	00
W. W. Sloan, treasurer and enumerator of	. 00
,	00
*	00
,	5 58
Interest on Nutt fund, 170	\$3,498 08
Dog account,	157 00
Dog account,	101 00
	\$3,655 08
FIRE DEPARTMENT.	·
F. C. Taylor, pay roll of firemen, \$195	5.00
	00
	00
·	00
	20
Clark & Sloan, supplies,	78
Fred L. Nourse, shoveling snow from cisterns,	45
	

TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN OFFICIALS	•	
Horace T. Harvell, first selectman,	\$142 50	
Luther B. Converse, second "	119 00	
Frank E. Willoby, third "	124 - 50	
Fred Boutelle, tax collector,	100 00	
R. S. Boutell, constable,	10 00	
A. C. Decatur, police,	6 00	
W. D. Clark, supervisor,	5 00	
W. L. Weston, "	5 00	
Frank E. Willoby, "	5 00	
F. C. Taylor, treasurer,	60 00	
W. D. Clark, town clerk,	55 00	
E K. Burtt, sexton,	41 25	
Horace T. Harvell, overseer of poor,	12 75	
Luther B. Converse, " "	6 00	
Frank E. Willoby, " " "	7 50	
C. D. Wilson, auditor,	4 00	
J. E. Upton, "	4 00	
A. M. Wilkins, moderator,	7 00	
Frederick Chandler, board of health,	10 00	
Horace T. Harvell, overseer for county poo	or, 31 50	
Frank E. Willoby, " " "	9 00	
W. B. Byrd, to balance account at farm,	127 - 03	
		\$892 03
TOWN POOR.		
N. H. Asylum for Insane, board Mrs.		
Drucker	\$217 56	
Mary Woods, care of her mother,	15 00	
Aid to Fred Hill,	28 75	
The to Tick IIII,		\$261 31
COLDING ALE DI COL	7.).(D.Z.E.	
SOLDIERS AID BY COU		
Clark & Sloan, goods for R. D. Moore,	\$100 00	
Charles Pherson, wood for R. D. Moore,	21 00	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance R. D.		
Moore,	16 50	
George G. Rideout, farm rent for Charles		
Crooker,	83 34	
W. L. Weston, coal for Charies Crooker,	28 00	
Mrs. C. J. Winn, labor "	35 00	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance		
Mrs. Crooker,	38 50	

Clark & Sloan, goods for Mike Bresnahan, Frederick Chandler, medical attendance	42 00	
for Mike Bresnahan,	5 00	
Clark & Sloan, goods for J. P. Webster,	78 00	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance J. P.		
Webster,	26 15	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance for N.		
J. Wetherbee,	10 75	
Clark & Sloan, goods for N. J. Wetherbee,	78 00	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Ge	0.	
W. W. Lamphere,	$23 \ 00$	
Clark & Sloan, goods for James Ryan,	6 50	
Mrs. Colston,	26 00	
		\$617 74
COUNTY POOR.		
Mrs. Sheehan,	76 50	
T. S. Merrow, board of D. W. Cram,	68 00	
J. A. Ober, goods for " "	$2 \ 05$	
Clark & Sloan, goods for Mrs. Buckley,	61 00	
Clark & Sloan, goods for Mrs. Butterfield,	55 00	
F. O. Lamson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,	5 00	
J. F. Bills, rent for Mrs. Hutchinson,	7 50	
Horace T. Harvell, wood for Mrs. Hutchins	son, 5 00	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Jo	hn	
Fancher,	6 00	
•		\$286 05
NOTES, PRINCIPAL AND IN		
Souhegan National Bank, principal and		
interest,	\$807 88	
Lydia M. Merrill, interest,	144 00	
Benjamin Merrill, "	15 00	
F. D. Noyes, principal and interest,	111 02	
E. K. Burtt, interest on Nutt fund,	12 00	
Fliza Eaton, interest,	24 00	
Geo. E. Farley, "	37 91	
Trustees Lawrence fund, interest,	23 87	
Daniel Fletcher,	16 00	\$1,191 68
MISCELLANEOUS.		# x y z 0 z 0 0
C. E. Knight, legal services,	\$ 25 00	
Joseph F. Hanson, building new road,	177 00	
poseph I. Hanson, bunding new road,	111 00	

Lemuel Fuller, land damage on account		
	100	00
H. M. Parker, care of watering trough,	2	50
Emma L. Clark, copying,	12	00
Charles Pherson, repairs on church and		
steeple,	12	33
Chas. E. Akeley, painting front of church		
and steeple,	125	00
Frank C. Taylor, expense to Manchester		
and Nashua,	4	00
Robert Atkinson, cleaning soldier's monument	i, 8	00
A. C. Decatur, feeding and lodging 31 tramps,		
E. C. Eastman, order books, etc.,	5	01
E. K. Burt, lumber, nails and labor for		
engine house,	45	23
E. K. Burt, lumber and labor on belfry,	5	77
" " hearse house,	17	93
George A. Meserve, making and painting	·	
sigh boards,	6	20
W. W. Sloan, care of town clock,	15	00
W. D. Clark, cash and recording marriages,		
births and deaths,	19	25
W. D. Clark, notifying jurors, blanks, etc.		50
Fred Boutelle, postage,	2	14
R. H. Prince, mowing and raking,	4	75
Geo. W. Bosworth, expenses to Boston, to col-		
lect interest on Spalding school fund,	6	00
H. L. & N. 1. Peaslee, for wood used building		
new road, old bill,	5	00
J. F. Hanson, burying horses,	2	00
George F. Hanson, blacksmith work,	1	40
R S. Boutell, dog killer,	1	00
H. H. Parkhurst, work on town clock,	1	50
O. H. Lowd, making and painting sign boards	, 1	75
H. T. Harvell, postage and stationery,		90
Luther B. Converse, postage and stationery,		81
R. D. Moore, for writing warrants and com-		
plaint,	1	50
W. B. Rotch, insuring library,	12	50
" " insuring town house,	37	50
grinting notices and reports,	36	50
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POLICE COURT.

Tomen counti.	•	
	\$100 00	
A. M. Wilkins, one copy of Justice and		
sheriff, and expenses on same,	2 65	
W. D. Clark, special justice,	4 00	
County tax,		\$1,741 85
Due from county,		72 75
MEMORIAL DAY		
MEMORIAL DAY.		
Cyrus Cross, appropriation,	•	\$50 00
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
Miss Fannie L. Clark, appropriation,		\$200 00
Miss Patitie 12. Clark, appropriation,		Ψ200 00
CEMETERY EXPENSE	ES.	
E. K. Burt, exchange of hearses,	\$525 00	
E. K. Burt, expenses to Worcester and		
New Bedford, about hearse,	13 90	
E. K. Burt, care of Blunt lot,	2 00	
" " labor and cash paid in cemetery,	34 75	
A. C. Decatur, painting cemetery fence and		
hearse house,	49 87	
Clark & Sloan, lead and oil for cemetery fend	ce, 46 50	
C. D. Wilson, one steel shovel,	1 25	
T. S. Merrow, cutting grass in cemetery,	2 00	
		\$675 27
ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YI	EAR 1896	
Charles Crooker,	\$1 51	
Sawyer & Howison,	3 14	
Harry Bontelle, cause two poll tax,	1 57	
Benjamin Wheeler,	6 28	
Carrie E. Hutchinson,	35	
Frank W. Mace, soldier,	1 57	
Elmer E. Hutchins, left town,	1 57	
George N. Bosworth, " "	1 57	
Henry Griffin, " "	1 57	
D. L. Chute, " "	$2 \ 23$	
George H. Hammond, " "	1 57	
David Demont, " "	2 54	007 :=
•		\$25 47

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YEAR 1897.

A. G. Sheldon,			\$1	26	
Charles Crooker,			3	75	
Town farm,			81	97	
Bernard Callahan, taxe	d in	Milford,	1	75	
Frank W. Mace,			1	75	
John E. Odell, sold to	othe:	r parties and			
taxed twice,			2	10	
Charles W. French, sol	d to	other parties an	nd		
taxed twice,			3	50	
William L. Robinson, o	overt	ax,	4	29	
Horace D. Caldwell,	66		4	20	
Stephen W. Nash,	"		1	75	
George H. Hammond,	left	town,	1	75	
William J. Burns,	46	"	1	75	
Jerry Buckley,	66	"	1	75	
F. C. Welch,	"	44	1	75	
Leonard Newell,	"	"	1	75	
Cora B. Glover, double	tax,		6	13	
					\$121 20

HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, FRANK E. WILLOBY,

Selectmen of Amherst.

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J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM.

Milk sold, \$1,	,056	54
Hay and corn fodder,	31	48
Calves,	14	05
Beef,	35	00
Seed corn,	1	16
Boards sold,	66	94
Walnuts,	11	00
Veal,	14	25
Walnuts,	3	25
Chickens,	8	00
Fowls,	4	30
Pork,	12	75
Beef cow,	25	00
Board of horse,	72	00
Poultry and eggs,	75	36

\$1,431 08

EXPENSE OF TOWN FARM.

D. Whiting & Sons, grain, ice, skim milk		
and labels,	\$382	33
C. E. Kendall, grinding and grain,	96	95
H. L. Bartlett, supplies,	4	27
Hayes, Jennison & Page, groceries,	9	47
W. F. French, hardware and paint,	13	25
Holt Bros., provisions and meat,	4	15
W. J. Prince, shoeing,	4	65
Cyrus Cross, sawing,	1	50
J. M. Currier, maple sugar,	1	00
" " phosphate,	22	70
D. A. Peabody, "	1	85
J. M. Jackson, doctoring cows,	1	50
C. M. Barrett, carrying milk,	49	77
" ice,	5	00
" " bluebe r ries,		80
Elmer Lovejoy, labor	91	00

Fred Robertshaw, in haying,	56 00
Will Hill, cutting wood,	15 00
E. P. Bartlett, husking corn,	4 76
C. F. Wright, one calf,	3 50
F. E. Willoby, one calf,	1 25
Walter Batchelder, one cow,	45 00
Walter Loring, hold fast corn ties,	3 75
George Jennison, one calf,	1 25
E. R. French, difference between cows,	55 00
W. T. Russell, veterinary, five visits and	
medicines,	17 00
James Drewett, two pigs,	5 00
J. A. Ober, blanket,	2 75
George Avery, milk pails and faucets,	3 35
C. D. Wilson, groceries, grain, etc.,	107 66
Clark & Sloan, " " "	59 64
Charles Pearsons, filing saws,	1 05
George F. Hanson, shoeing, etc.,	4 75
A. M. Philbrick, use of planter,	5 00
Erving Baily, labor,	38 00
Fred Boutelle, apples,	5 00
" " tomato plants,	50
Dunbar, repairing harness, and oils,	4 10
T. S. Merrow, butter,	2 52
F. C. Taylor's bill,	5 55
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	46 92
George K. Walker, butcher's bill,	
T. S. Merrow, butter, cheese, etc.,	12 22
Groceries and supplies,	60 50
W. B. Byrd, superintendent,	300 00

\$1,553 21

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM FEB. 12, 1898.

15 cows,	600 00
6 heifers,	130 00
1 bull,	22 00
2 horses,	250 00
14 tons English hay,	210 00
3 tons barley,	36 00
15 tons meadow hay,	120 00
3 tons corn fodder,	20 00
400 bushels corn,	110 00

Seed corn,	3 00	
Beans,	4 20	
Shingles,	1 50	
125 fowls,	62 - 50	
2 guineas,	1.50	
Harnesses,	53 00	
Blankets,	1 00	
Two-horse wagon,	100 00	
Farm wagon,	38 00	
Express wagon,	45 00	
Two-horse sled,	40 00	
Mowing machine,	30 00	
Horse rake,	18 00	
Wheel harrow,	18 00	
Thomas harrow,	12 00	
Plow,	8 00	
Sulky plow,	40 00	
Cultivator,	6 00	
Dump cart,	16 00	
Other farming tools,	40 00	
Fire wood,	48 00	
Lumber,	10 00	
Grain,	$24 \ 43$	
Hen feed,	1 60	
Milk jug,	1 50	
Vinegar,	5 25	
Potatoes,	4 00	
Provisions	30 00	
Household goods,	200 00	
Grindstone,	5 00	
Sacks,	6 00	
Johnson pump,	3 00	#2.0F4.10
		\$2,374 48

HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, FRANK E. WILLOBY,

 $Selectmen\ of\ Amherst.$

This certifies that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON, Auditors.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

JOHN H. DODGE, Road Agent, in account with

THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

D_R.

Received of town treasurer as per order of the selectmen for highways, \$1,745 36

	Cr.	
Charles Wheeler,		7 28
Fred Robershaw,	159	2 53
C. A. Mason,	18	8 60
Edward G. Hodgman,	173	3 47
Frank Reade,	10	6 27
John H. Dodge,	24	3 30
Horses,	437	7 55
Henry Keyes,		6 52
C. C. Clark,	133	1 86
John Hadlock,	58	5 00
Burns & Son,	•	2 75
C. D. Wilson,		5 52
C. H. Wells,	38	88 8
R. H. Prince,	20	60
John Gould,		90
O. W. Loud,		50
Albert Philbrick,		1 40
C. A. Pettengale,		2 55
William Staples,	4:	2 75
Louis Clark,	7:	2 55
Nathaniel Carpenter,		7 50
L. F. Bills & Son,	1	5 75
H. W. Secomb,		1 40
D. A. Peabody,	13	3 49
Charles Norman.	2	1 68

Frank Hanson,		50	10	
J. M. Currier,		7	05	
P. M. Odell,		17	05	
P. F. Odell,		2	40	
E. E. Bullard,		20	47	
Luther Converse,		6	12	
Charles A. Prince,		3	00	
C. A. Peabody,	•	2	60	
George F. Hanson,		8	78	
Charles Pherson,		6	20	
A. A. Bills,		6	62	
George H. Leavens,		. 3	20	
H. W. Manning,		19	55	
William Goodale,		32	00	
Charles J. Upham,		1	90	
H. T. Harvell,		12	60	
Oliver Carter,		1	50	
Solomon Prince,		2	75	
B. E. Osgood,		16	05	
C. D. Hale,		1	50	
W. F. French,		1	68	
Arthur Howison,		5	35	
George K. Walker,		4	27	
John A. Hanson,			35	
J. P. Fletcher,			44	
J. H. Dodge,		5	52	
J. E. Fowle,		8	45	
Ed Carr,			86	
By use of road machine,				1 50
old plank sold,				50
ora prami sora,				
		\$1,747	36	\$1,747 36
	SNOW BILLS.			
	Dr.			
Received of town,				\$505 15
·	Cr.			
Arthur Junkins,		\$5	45	
Charles Rogers,			70	
W. M. Chandler,		34	09	
Leonard Newell,			90	
John A. Johnson,		1	95	
John Gould,		17	94	

L. F. Bills & Son,	7	40	
Walter A. Batchelder,		60	
T. S. Merrow,		05	
William W. Goodale,		78	
W. L. Weston,		14	
J. F. Hanson,		90	
George L. Goodale,		55	
W. L. Cross,		35	
George W. Harvey,		82	
Daniel W. Trow,		40	
W. H. Colston,		80	
William Melendy,		62	
H. T. Harvell,	33	27	
H. W. Secomb,		05	
Charles A. Peabody,	8	55	
Henry J. Cochran,	39	40	
F. A. Holbrook,	13	68	
Harry Boutelle,	8	80	
J. E. Fowle,	10	15	
John A. Hanson,	21	25	
Frank W. Chase,	7	00	
Chester Shipley,	4	65	
John A. Bontelle,	5	50	
Frank W. Noyes,	12	20	
George K. Walker, District No. 1,	30	75	
William Pratt,	23	15	
George K. Walker, District No 8,	27	39	
D. A. Peabody,	11	48	
H. P. Odell,	3	60	
C. F. Wells,	3	60	
A. N. Lowe,		90	
Frank Willoby,	1	20	
Martin Campbell,	11	80	
Edward Carr,	8	76	
J. H. Dodge,	8	63	
Frank Hanson,	1	95	
Eugene May,	2	20	
Charles J. Upham,	11	80	
	\$505		
Respectfully submitted		19 3 900 10	'

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. DODGE,

Road Agent.

We certify that we have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON, Auditors.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

During the year 20 cases, all of a criminal nature, have been before the court, and have been disposed of as follows:

Paid fines and costs,	13
Bound over to supreme court,	4
Sent to county farm,	2
Withdrawn,	1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

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We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON, Auditors.

Note.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that all fines, witness fees, complaints and warrants have been paid direct from the court to those entitled to receive the same and that \$400 has been paid to the town treasurer. The selectmen have drawn

orders for salaries and books amounting to \$106.65, which, deducted from \$400, the amount paid the town treasurer, leaves \$293.35 as the net proceeds of the court for the year enping Feb-15, 1898.

AARON M. WILKINS, Justice. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Special Justice.

Report of Committee of Spalding School Fund.

The income received for the year I897 is as follows:

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co.,	\$200	00
Concord, N. H., Water Bonds,	105	00
15 shares Peterboro' Railroad,	60	00
Central Savings Bank, Lowell,	21	33

Total income,

\$386 33

CR.

Paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer Board of Education, \$386-33

The investments have not been changed during the year and are as follows:

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance

Co.,	\$5,000 00)
Concord City Water bonds, registered,	3,000 00)
15 shares Peterboro' Railroad stock,	1,500 00)
Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.,	500 00)
		- \$10,000 00

We would congratulate the tax payers that the securities are worth two hundred dollars more than the town paid for them.

GEO. W. BOSWORTH, FRANK HARTSHORN, WILLIAM PRATT,

Committee of Spalding School Fund.

We have seen and examined the above stocks and find them as stated by the Trustees.

HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, FRANK E. WILLOBY,

Selectmen of Amherst.

AMHERST, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the above account and find it correctly east and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

Campbell Cemetery Fund,

The	trus	tees	re	port	as :	fol	lows:
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April 15, 1896.	To note given by town,	\$400 00	\$416 00
" 17, 1897.	Interest,	16 00	
April 17, 1897.	Paid E. K. Burtt, interest, for cemetery work,	\$ 16 00	Φ410 00

D. A. FLETCHER, GEORGE W. BOSWORTH,

Trustees

\$416 00

Received of D. A. Fletcher, trustee of Campbell fund, \$16 00

CR.

By labor on cemetery lot for years 1896 and

1897, \$5 00 cash on hand, \$11 00 \$16 00

E. K. BURTT, Sexton.

Feb. 15, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

Report of Trustee of Nutt Cemetery Fund,

Received interest on fund,	\$12 00
C	R.
By labor on lots,	\$5 00
cash paid town,	7 00
	
•	E. K BURTT, Trustee.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON, Auditors.

Trustees of Aaron Lawrence School Fund,

May 6, 1896. Received from Nashua Savings bank, \$324 49
Oct. 2, 1897. Received from Nashua Savings bank, 162 24

CR.

Feb. 7, 1897. By paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer school board, \$23-87 town note at 4 per cent., 486-73

GEORGE E. FARLEY, D. A. FLETCHER, J. B. PETTENGILL,

Trustees.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

18TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY.

The fathers of our nation considered the church and the school the best foundations for the social system they were to build. To-day, while their value has not lessened, the public library supplements both.

By it we are brought in contact with the master

minds of the world; and if we make the best use of it, its influence is to broaden our intellectual vision, so that life will come to have a nobler purpose and a grander future.

To illustrate the advantage a good library affords, in a community like ours, take the study of history, for example. In the schools, it is, of necessity, expressed

in the shortest, and therefore, the driest way.

In a library the subject is dealt with by the great historians of the world in such a way that the reading is a fascinating study. Score after score of the ablest writings, on this and kindred subjects, line our shelves, inviting young and old to the riches they contain. In no way can patriotism be so surely established as in reading the noble volumes which relate to the past of our own country, and the men to whom she owes her greatness.

Even in the domain of fiction many a book will convey a lesson of right living, and preach a more effective sermon than some pulpit efforts can claim.

In every department which our limitations will allow us to enter, we have sought to place good books; and the kindness of friends has enabled us to do still more.

We be speak for this institution a continuance of the interest, on the part of our citizens and others, which has made the work of the trustees pleasant in the past, to the end that it may fulfill its mission as an educator in this good old town.

We cannot close without expressing our hearty thanks for the many presents the library has received

during the year.

We would also put on record our obligation to Miss Fletcher, of the trustees, through whose efforts we feel that many of these gifts were obtained.

A new book-stack, corresponding to the others, has been added to the library room; and one of oak for reference books has been placed in the reading room.

The librarian, Miss Stearns, has performed her duties, as usual, in a way that has been satisfactory to all.

The rooms, the books and everything connected with the library have been cared for in the best possible way.

During the illness, for several weeks, of the librarian, her duties were most acceptably performed by

Miss Grace R. Moor.

4053 books and periodicals were taken out by 104 families. The library contains nearly 3000 volumes.

Its rooms are attractive, its librarian courteous and its benefits should extend to every family in town.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1897.

Twelve volumes, Mrs. Chas. H. Campbell.
Twenty-eight volumes, Col. Geo. H. Campbell.
Forty volumes, Miss A. M. Means.
Nineteen volumes, Mrs. G. A. Spalding.
Six volumes, Mrs. F. A. Smith.
Four volumes, Mrs. G. W. Nichols.
Five volumes, Miss Boylston.
Twenty volumes, heirs of E. D. Boylston.
Twelve volumes, heirs of Mrs. L. C. Eldridge.
One volume, Mrs. S. C. Aiken.
One volume, Mrs. Mary Kelley.
Six volumes, Sec. of State, Ezra Stearns.
Seven volumes, Dept. of Int., Washington, D. C.
One volume, State Library.

Subscriptions to the following periodicals for 1897: Ladies' Home Journal, Mrs. J. F. Whittemore.

The Farmers' Cabinet, Col. W. B. Rotch.

The Bookman, Mrs. J. G. Davis.

An ancient copy of Amherst Town Treasurer's book for the year 1770; also "The True Account of the Defalcation of the Hillsborough Bank," Mrs. H. C. Dodge.

Portrait of Mr. James W. Towne, from his son, Mr.

Arthur G. Towne

Lamp for entrance hall, Mrs. G. W. Nichols.

Charter and records of Farmers' Bank, from the daughters of Dr. Edward Spalding.

Ancient book of John Farmer's, H. W. Secombe. Record of Amherst Library Association, 1793 to 1832, from the heirs of E. D. Boylston.

Labels for books from Col. W. B. Rotch

A year's numbers of Life and Light, from Miss Clara A. Weston.

Binding of seven volumes of Cabinets, from Jas. W. Towne, Esq.

TRUSTEES.

A. M. Wilkins, Miss L. R. Fletcher,	Term expires March, 1898.
Rev. A. J. McGown, Mrs. W. D. Clark,	Term expires March, 1899.
J. E. Upton, Mrs. G. W. Nichols,	Term expires March, 1900.

A. J. McGown, President.

Mrs. W. D. Clarke, Secretary and Treasurer.

Trustees of Amherst Town Library in Account with the Town of Amherst,

By balance in treasury,	\$26 96
town appropriation,	200 00
fines,	1 86
sale of pamphlets, papers, etc.,	30
sale of catalogues,	30
sale of bookcase,	3 00

\$232 42

То	services of librarian,	\$50	00
	services of janitor,	15	00
	cleaning library,	2	50
	new books,	33	32
	express,	2	60
	bill for binding,	23	55
	wood,	3	75
	small oak table,	1	50
	magazine subscriptions,	23	10
	leather cushion for chair,	2	50
	oak book case and ash stack,	19	20
	incidentals, postage, etc.,	3	72
	cash on hand for supplement, binding, etc.,	51	68

\$232 42

FANNIE L. CLARK,

Treasurer of Town Library.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897

BIRTHS.

Jan. 16, a daughter to Fred O. and Grace M. Stevens,

Jan. 21, George Ray, a daughter to Jeremiah E. and Etta L. Upton.

Feb. 8, Bessie Hazel, daughter to James B. and Ada E. Pettengill.

March 2, Harriet Emeline, a daughter to George A. and Lizzie J. Meserve.

March 8, Grace Waugh, a daughter to Edward P. and Cora W. Bartlett.

Bartlett.

March 27, Harold Byron, a son to Fred E. and Bertha A. Burtt.

April 1, Guy Vernon, a son to Charles A. and Lilla A. Mason. June 5, a son to Watson B. and Isabelle S. Byrd

June 24, William M. a son to John and Annie Atherton Dixon.

July 15, Leroy Miller, a son to Percy M. and Clara M. Hammond. July 30, a daughter to Joseph F. and Mary A. Davidson.

August 5, Willard Parker, a son, to George E. and Mary A. Parker.

August 21, a daughter to Carl and Amanda C. Pherson.

Sept. 10, a son to Edwin G. and Sarah L. Hodgman.

Sept. 18, a son to Timothy and Margaret Sullivan.

Nov. 3, Isabelle Louise, a daughter to Daniel K. and Hattie L. Marvell.

Nov. 5, a son to James H. and Mary E. Atkinson.

Dec. 7, Olive Ruth, a daughter, to Harry and Anna C. Boutelle.

Dec. 9, a son to Charles N. and Georgiana Caldwell.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 23, Fred E. Burtt and Bertha A. Bills, both of Amherst.
Feb. 6, Frank West of Derby Line, Vt., and Julia Gonett, both of Amherst.

April 3, Daniel K. Marvell of Amherst and Hattie L. Smith.

April 21, Arthur L. Pease and Annie L. Boutelle, both of Amherst. May 1, Carl J. Pherson of Amherst and Amanda Carlson of Lowell, Mass.

June 10, Fred Boutelle of Amherst and Martha E. Boutelle of Corinth, Me.

June 30, Albert H. Caldwell of Amherst and Lizzie G. Burtt of Milford, N. H.

June 23, John F. Pesterfield and Kate Buckley, both of Amherst. Dec. 14, Herbert C. Crooker of Amherst and Jessie L. Elvin of Mont Vernon, N. H.

DEATHS.

Jan. 11, Martin Brennan, aged 26 yrs.

Jan. 16, infant daughter of Fred O. and Grace M. Stevens.

Jan. 24, Bridget Bresnihan, aged 65 years.

Feb. 9, Mary O. Farmer, aged 95 years, 10 months, 2 days.

March 17, Louis P. Parsons, aged 66 years, 5 months, 11 days.

March 19, Delia L. Miller, aged 64 years.

April 28, George Hodgeman, aged 92 years, 8 months, 25 days.

Sept. 3, Harriet E. Hutchinson, aged 76 years, 5 months.

Sept. 3, James U. Prince, aged 69 years.

Sept. 18, infant son of Timothy and Margaret Sullivan.

Oct. 3, Angeline Proctor, aged 57 years, 8 months, 14 days.

Oct. 19, Lucia A. Shepard, aged 75 years, 3 months, 28 days.

Oct. 25, George P. Boutelle, aged 36 years, 2 months, 26 days.

Dec. 8, Susan E. Daniels, aged 77 years, 2 months.

Dec. 19, Stephen Wheeler, aged 66 years, 1 month, 5 days.

The following persons were brought to Amherst for burial during the year ending Dec. 31, 1897: Elizabeth Brown, Leander B. Barker, Bertha F. Butterfield, child of Everett Berry, Henry O. Aiken, Christina K. Howard, Irene A. Whittendon, Mary Langley, Jane F. Goodnow, Daniel Robinson, Nathariel Manning. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Town Clerk.



